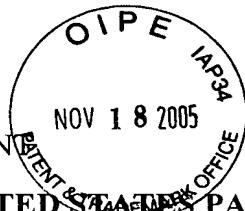


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NOTICE OF APPEAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated May 18, 2005

The items checked below are appropriate:

- A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 was filed for            months.
- A timely response to the final rejection is being filed herewith.
- A Petition for Extension of Time for filing the Notice of Appeal is attached.
- A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is attached.

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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